

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE FUGITIVE SLAVE LAW, &c.

SPEECH OF JES. DUNKEE, OF WISCONSIN.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

August 8, 1852.

On the Fugitive Slave Law as a "Finality."

The President Position of Parties.

The House being divided on the whole on the state of the Union, Mr. DUNKEE

in the chair, on the Civil and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill—

Mr. DUNKEE said—

Mr. Chairman: History proves that the most

effective oppression the people have ever

been subjected to, has been by the

Government under the name of laws of

But in the long catalogue of public

among civilized nations, there is none more

cruel and barbarous than the Fugitive Slave

Law now in force in the United States. This

law is called by its friends a "finality," and

a "finality" in its operation, it has proved it,

every candid mind knew it to be the time

of its passage, a new measure of the

law was created in its operation than the

guiltless life. Jefferson says, "by the law of

nature, man is at peace with man, and

some aggression is committed." Every

aggression in savage form.

This law, in its operation, degrades every

principle of justice, and every principle

of the very objects for which government was

created. The tendency of the law is to

degrade the moral character of the people,

and to make the nation a nation of slaves.

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